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Thank you,

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RECKLESS CHILD ENDANGERMENT:

Virginia Code 18.2-320: "Warning: To avoid danger of suffocation, keep this plastic bag away from babies and children. Do not use this bag in cribs, beds, carriages or playpens"

Virginia Code 16-1-227: "**It is the intention of this law that in all proceedings the welfare of the child and the family, the safety of the community and protection of the rights of victims are the paramount concerns of the Commonwealth** and to the end that these purposes may be attained." (emphasis added)

The recent actions by NutriBlend, Inc., and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in allowing a known harmful pollutant, AKA as 'biosolids', to be applied topically near the home of children with published respiratory health issues is reckless endangerment.

The father, XXX XXXXXX, pleaded with the Department of Health, DEQ, NutriBlend, Inc. and the sludge pollution receiving landowner, to consider his children's health before topically applying sludge pollution which had been inadequately tested. He visited the site with health documents, but his concerns were dismissed and the application of municipal sewage waste sludge pollution commenced.

A later communication from VDH-LHD, Dr. Tweel, asked for a "voluntary" buffer increase of approximately 2,000 feet. Whereas there is good intention, there are no specific safe distances.

Buffer Variances depend on "bare" trees in winter and velocity of wind. Additionally, until there is specific data evaluation of the sludge pollution constituents, biosolids cannot be deemed safe based on "unknowns" (reaction/interactions). However, DNA studies are available to show soil migration for several thousand of miles based on climatic conditions.

Additionally, XXX XXXXXX, an adjacent property owner, had been excluded from the permitting process and his concerns were not considered as promulgated in the VA Biosolids Use Regulations. A clear denial of his rights thereby putting his family in harms way.

Department of Public Health & Homeland Security, Campus of the University of Toledo, OH concludes, from an intensive study, "**The findings suggest an increase risk** for certain respiratory, gastrointestinal and other diseases among residents living near farm fields on which the use of biosolids was permitted." (emphasis added)

VDH, DEQ, NutriBlend and the landowner knew or has cause to know that sludge is a pollutant and must be applied with caution and consideration of public exposure, especially when there is a site specific issue. The countless reports of sludge induced ill health and corroborating scientific study cannot be dismissed.

The Intent and Will of the General Assembly cannot be dismissed in allowing protection of children and all citizens.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION WITH PUBLISHED FINDINGS AS TO: 1. WHY DID DEQ ALLOW THE APPLICATION IN VIEW OF XXX XXXXXXXX SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE OF HIS CHILDREN'S ILL HEALTH? 2. WHY WAS NUTRIBLEND SO CALLOUS IN THE DISREGARD OF A CHILD'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND

WELFARE? 3.WHY SHOULD NUTRIBLEND BE HELD HARMLESS WHEN THERE ARE DOCUMENTED ILLNESSES CAUSED BY THEIR SLUDGE POLLUTION APPLICATIONS? 4. WHY WERE THESE CHILDREN NOT PROTECTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHEN THE LAWS OF THE LAND ARE EMPHATIC FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, EVEN PLASTIC BAGS?

If a loaded gun is left unattended next to a child, who is responsible for the consequences?

As tax paying citizens, we deserve answers and an investigation. We also demand protective measures for our youth and elderly. The waste industry and permitting government agencies must prove the sludge applications are safe and not harmful to the health of Virginians or their environment.

Knowingly and willful reckless endangerment of children must not be allowed to continue in Virginia!

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I accept full responsibility for the intent and original statements in this email